

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RESTRICTING  
VISITATION AT BRITTANY'S PLACE  
SHELTER**

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The following matter came before the undersigned Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District at the request of Wendy Merritt, Esq., on behalf of 180 Degrees, Inc., operator of Brittany's Place, a DOC-licensed shelter for girls and young women located in Ramsey County, pertaining to children currently housed at Brittany's Place.

**WHEREAS**, On March 13, 2020, the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz declared a peacetime state of emergency due to the worldwide spread of COVID-19, also referred to as the Coronavirus;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States also declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended several steps to help slow or prevent the spread of COVID-19. These steps include avoiding close contact with others, staggering work schedules, and limiting large gatherings;

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020, the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued a stay-at-home executive order extending closure of public accommodations until May 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Second Judicial District is taking necessary and reasonable steps to reduce potential exposure of persons to large group settings;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 484.60, subd. 3, the chief judge of the district has general administrative authority over the courts in the judicial district;

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Corrections is prohibiting visitation and volunteer services for all adult facilities in order to limit the spread of this virus;

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Rules § 2960.0080, subp. 15.B prohibits restrictions on visitation rights between a parent of a minor resident and the resident without a Court Order, and Minn. Rules § 2960.0270, subp. 5.A requires the license holder to have convincing evidence that visits would not be in the best interest or welfare of the resident; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the close proximity of children at Brittany's Place and the unknown factors relating to transmission and treatment of COVID-19, the Court finds that the best interests and welfare of the residents of Brittany's Place warrant a temporary visitation restriction;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Subject to paragraph 2 of this Order, 180 Degrees, Inc. is hereby authorized to restrict visitation at Brittany's Place between March 26, 2020, and May 1, 2020, or until further order of this Court, as determined by the Minnesota Department of Corrections or its designee.
2. Visitation between the parent of a resident and the resident of Brittany's Place shall not be restricted unless 180 Degrees, Inc. offers the family substitute visitation with the resident in the form of "FaceTime," "Skype," or other electronic communication that offers both visual and audio communication.
3. This Order remains in force and effect until May 1, 2020, unless extended or rescinded by a further court order.

Dated: March 26, 2020

BY THE COURT:

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John H. Guthmann  
Chief Judge, Second Judicial District